

Mansfield ~ Sarstedt German Exchange



2013-2014



**OUR GERMAN
GUESTS
ARRIVE SOON!**



Get
ready,
'cause
here they
come!

They ARRIVE at 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 9/15/2013.

Welcome:
MMS CAFETERIA
Home & School hosts
family potluck

(Please be in cafeteria by 3:30.
All students must be accompanied
by an adult!)

Potluck: bring food, utensils,
plates, napkins, cups, drinks
(not disposable ~ German style)!



POTLUCK!

Keep it simple and nutritious!

**THEY WILL BE TIRED
& HUNGRY!**

**EVERYONE: BRING FOOD TO
SHARE & YOUR OWN UTENSILS,
PLATES, CUPS, DRINKS, ETC.**

**HOME HOSTS: ALSO REMEMBER UTENSILS/
SUPPLIES FOR YOUR GERMAN GUEST!**

***SIGN UP FOR POTLUCK TONIGHT SO WE CAN AVOID
TOO MANY DUPLICATIONS!***

Patriotic Welcome to Us!



Their Tasty Tidbits for us!

















**Put your thinking cap on!
What will YOU make and bring
to welcome our German guests?!**



**PLEASE LABEL FOOD FOR
ALLERGIES
VEGAN/VEGETARIAN
(BRING SERVING UTENSILS!)**



DAILY LIVING



**WHAT YOU NEED TO
KNOW TO BE A
SUCCESSFUL HOST AND
TO PROVIDE THE BEST
EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE
FOR EVERYONE
INVOLVED!**

Important HOME HOST issues ... breakfast, snack, lunch, dinner!



IN ADDITION TO BREAKFAST, STUDENTS
IN GERMANY HAVE A SNACK OF BREAD & JAM OR
HALF A SANDWICH. THEY TYPICALLY EAT A LARGE
MEAL WHEN THEY GET HOME FROM SCHOOL
AROUND 1:00 PM.

PLEASE PACK A SNACK FOR THEM!

LUNCH:

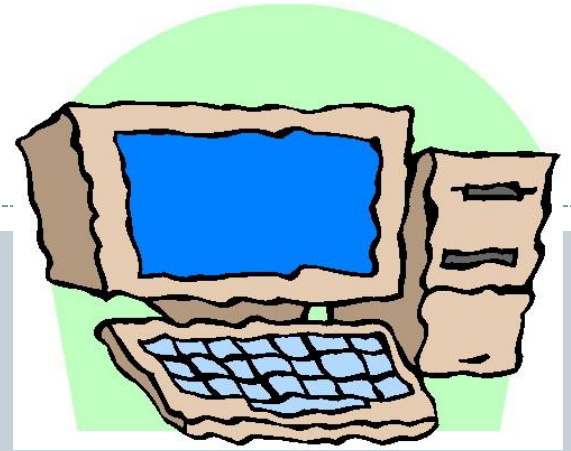
HOME HOSTS MUST **PROVIDE LUNCH** VIA THE
CAFETERIA OR PACK A LUNCH FOR THEIR STUDENT.

What to do...



- **Be sure you watch for signs of homesickness...**
 - Quietness, signs of loneliness, withdrawn and uncommunicative; try to have a discussion with them.
 - Encourage them to talk with Mr. Perkins, Mrs. K, and their German advisors.
 - PLEASE contact Mrs. K /Mr. Perkins with any/all concerns! Do not wait!

What to do...



PARENTS:

- ~ Be sure to have clear rules and boundaries about TV & computer use at home. As the guardian parent, you are responsible!
- ~ German students must follow your family rules!

“SHOW ME THE MONEY, HONEY!”



- PARENTS : HOME HOSTS
- Please be sure to provide opportunities for your German guest to go to the bank to get cash.
- Many will come with bank cards, and some may encounter an issue. Please let us know if there are problems! We will work with the German advisors to fix the problem!

More to do...



STUDENTS:

- * Be sure you know where the German Exchange room is! It is room # _____ !
- * HOME HOSTS: Bring your German student directly to the German Exchange room before homeroom each day.
- * SCHOOL HOSTS: after checking into your own homeroom, go to the German Exchange room and pick up your German Exchange student.
- * HOME HOSTS: Be prompt and pick up your German student at the German Exchange room at the end of the day!

MORE to do!



STUDENTS:

- * Be sure your German student knows how to use the security button to exit and enter the portables.
- * INTRODUCE your German Exchange student to teachers and staff members!
- * Be sure your German student knows where the bathrooms are!

WHAT TO AVOID...

STUDENTS:

- SPEAKING ENGLISH with your friends and forgetting to include the Germans in conversation. Remember, while they know a little English, they are not fluent and will need time and help to translate and process what is being said around them.
 - **Their silence is not disinterest. Involve them and help them to understand.**
 - **Ask them questions!**
 - **Ask how you can help them!**



More to Avoid...



PARENTS:

- Do not allow Germans to have any contact with **WEAPONS /ammunition** in your home or at any store.
- All weapons in homes must be locked and secured away from all students.
- Do not discuss/show these weapons to the German students.
- If possible, remove all weapons from your household.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR and EXPECTATIONS!



**ALL STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES
ABOUT ELECTRONICS/CAMERAS, TALKING,
ATTENTION, POLITENESS, & WORK.**

**MMS STUDENTS MUST HELP GERMANS
UNDERSTAND & FOLLOW THE RULES (NO HATS!),
AND HELP THEM FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO THE
GERMAN EXCHANGE ROOM AS NEEDED.**

**ALL STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THEIR ASSIGNED
SCHEDULES. DUE TO LARGE CLASS SIZES THIS
YEAR, WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO LIMIT THE
NUMBER OF GUESTS PER ROOM.**

Cameras, cell phones, computer use...



**SCHOOL RULES PROHIBIT USE OF CAMERAS,
CELL PHONES, VIDEO CAMS IN THE
CLASSROOM WITHOUT TEACHER
PERMISSION.**

REMINDE YOUR GERMAN GUEST TO ASK FIRST!

AT SCHOOL/ DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:

- ~ NO TEXTING OR PHONING
 - ~ NO INTERNET FOR PERSONAL USE
 - ~ NO POSTING OF PICTURES/VIDEOS
- WITHOUT ADULT PERMISSION AT ANY TIME**

**NO TEXTING
NO TALKING
NO EXCEPTIONS**



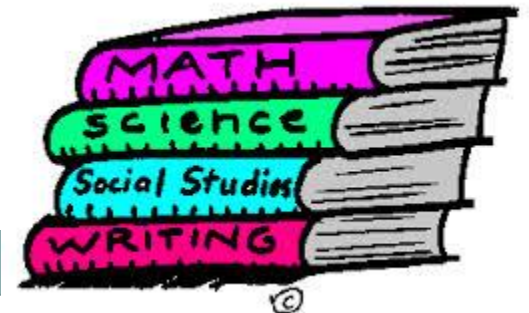
HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS!



**MMS STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE
ALL HOMEWORK AS ASSIGNED!
(GERMAN GUESTS HAVE HOMEWORK, TOO!)**

**YOUR CHOICES AFFECT THE
ONGOING SUCCESS OF THIS
PROGRAM. DO NOT RUIN IT!**

JUST DO IT!



Calendar changes, additions, & reminders...



- THURSDAY, 9/26/13
The Adventure Park at Storrs
TIME CHANGE:
12:00 PM – END OF REG.
SCHOOL DAY
(rain date if necessary TBD)



- TUESDAY, 10/01/2013: REMINDER:
Ron-A-Roll 2:45-5:15
(prompt pick up at MMS)
(\$8.50 due that day for skates ~
German Guests will pay their own way)

Are all of your FORMS all in?

Several people have not turned in the optional [*\(blue\)*](#)
[Mansfield Middle School Overnight Field Trip](#)
[Form Parents'/Health Care Provider's](#)
[Authorization for the Administration of](#)
[Medication](#)


This form is necessary for student self-administration of prescription and OTC medicines (think motion sickness!).

Form is available online in International /German Exchange Club.

CAPE COD

Overnight: sleeping bag, jammies, sweatshirt, shorts, swim gear, flip-flops, flashlight, sunglasses/sun screen, bus & cabin snacks (meals are provided), money for dinner in Provincetown. Motion pills if necessary*

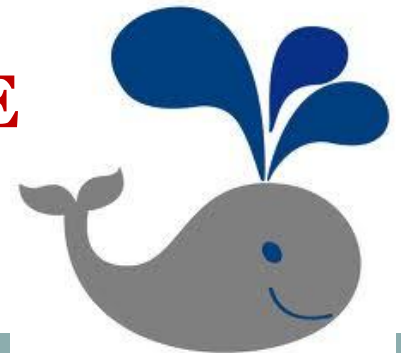


PHONE TREE: FOR AN ACCURATE ARRIVAL TIME
WE WILL  **CALL THE HOME HOST**
VOLUNTEER **WHO WILL BEGIN THE**
PHONE TO TREE OTHER HOME HOSTS.

THEN,

EACH HOME HOST
WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

TO HAVE AND CALL THE
PHONE NUMBERS
OF SCHOOL HOSTS



NYC

- FRIDAY, 9/27/2013: NYC departure 6:00 AM
RETURN TO MMS
- approx. 10:30 PM

PHONE TREE:
HOME HOST
PARENT VOLUNTEER?



Official *Board of Education* Welcome

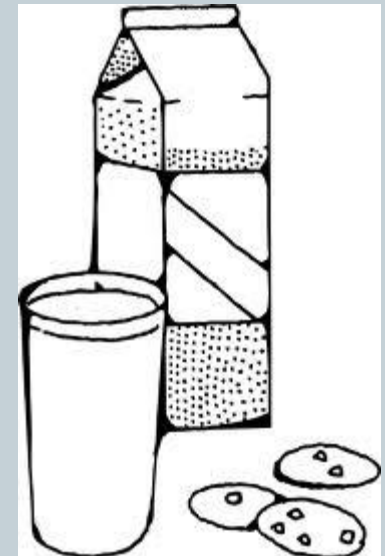
- MONDAY, 9/30/2013:
HOME HOSTS/FAMILIES

9:45– 10:30 AM:

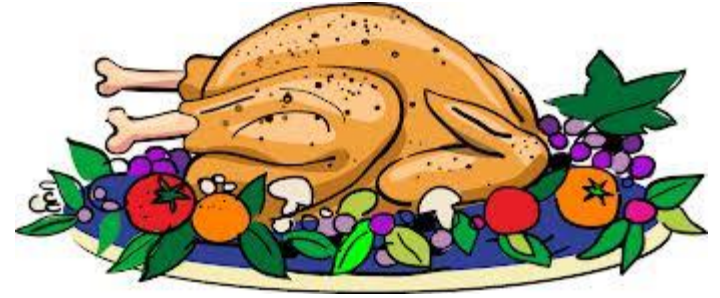
Meet & Greet by the Board of Education

MMS Cafeteria

Light refreshments
will be served



HOME & SCHOOL HOST FAMILIES Thanksgiving Potluck



PLEASE SIGN UP TONIGHT!

**IF YOU CANNOT DECIDE,
YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM
JULIE HODGSON AND/OR ROBIN BLOMSTRANN
REQUESTING THAT YOU INDICATE WHAT FOOD YOU
WILL BE BRINGING.**

**REMEMBER: WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU BRING A
TABLECLOTH AND DÉCOR FOR YOUR
TABLES! HOME & SCHOOL HOST FAMILIES
SHOULD WORK TOGETHER!**

**UTENSILS/PLATES/CUPS/DRINKS/ ETC.
(NO DISPOSABLES!)**



Thanksgiving FOODS!

(You bring your own drinks!)

Sign up tonight!

- We will need 8 turkeys/ gravy!
- VEGETABLES and SALADS
- Mashed potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Rice
- Winter squash, Green beans, Corn, Baked beans, Turnips, Applesauce, Cranberries
- Tossed Salad/ dressing on the side
- Other traditional family foods !
- Bread/rolls/butter
- DESSERTS:

APPLE PIE,
COOKIES, Etc.



PUMPKIN PIE,

PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED!



Our Thanksgiving Potluck meal is made extra special when we have a farewell PowerPoint of our adventures together in the USA.

Would YOU be willing to be the “point” person 😊 to create a PowerPoint presentation for that evening? We ask that each student/family submit by email 2-3 pics to you. You can take it from there!

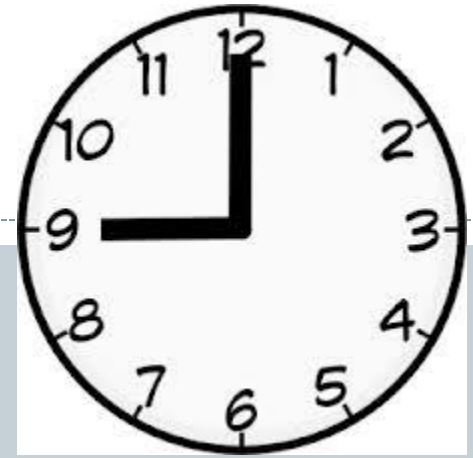
Interested? Please give me your EMAIL ADDRESS (I WILL SHARE WITH EVERYONE) so you can collect pics. Pics will be to you by the end of the Wed 10/02.

SAYING GOOD-BYE!



Saturday, Oct. 5th

Departure from MMS at 9:00 AM sharp!



Please be in the parking lot with bags ready to load at 8:45.

Please do a fast carry-on luggage check to ensure no gifts or mementoes will be taken are the airport. (See federal guidelines for liquids, weapons, candles, etc.!))

**HUGS, KISSES, TEARS, GOOD-BYES;
then REST WELL
& KNOW THAT YOU CHANGED THE WORLD!**

Student HOME & SCHOOL HOSTS



- ***TO-DO LIST FOR NEXT WEEK!***
- Be sure you SIGN UP/PARENT PERMISSION SLIP for the MMS Student Council German Exchange Welcome ice social on Tuesday, Sept. 17th.
- See Mrs. K and be sure there is a completed WELCOME POSTER with your German Guest's name.
- Sign up for X-BLOCK Mrs. K to complete the WELCOME BANNER! (Not Monday!)
- SEND A PIC of your GERMAN GUEST tonight!

QUESTIONS?!



**ASK NOW, BUT IF YOU
THINK OF SOMETHING
LATER:**

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